

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING
WEST FORK OF BEAVER CREEK DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

Wednesday, March 16, 1977 at 1:00 p.m.
Schoolhouse, McKinnon, Wyoming

Donald C. Norseth opened the meeting and explained to the water users that he had been the chairman the previous year and felt that perhaps one of the water users should conduct the meeting. The consensus of opinion was that he continue acting as chairman for 1977. Donald Norseth requested John Bene to act as secretary.

Mr. Norseth gave a resume of the water supply over the state, pointing out that all water users should check their headgates, measuring devices, and ditches in preparation for a dry year so that all available water could be used without waste.

Donald Norseth then read the minutes of the 1976 meeting. The minutes were approved as read without any corrections or additions.

Mr. Norseth then requested Robert Guy to read the financial statement. The financial report was accepted as read.

LaRay Sadlier was absent, so no commissioner's report was given. However, a discussion of the problems he had in keeping the water adjusted in some ditches was brought out.

Velma O'Neil made the motion that the budget and assessment for 1977 be the same as in 1976. The motion was seconded by J. Alden Olsen. Motion carried.

The appointment of a commissioner was discussed. It was felt that if LaRay Sadlier could take it, they would recommend him. If not, they would abide with the decision on the Burnt Fork System. The State Engineer was to be notified by April 15 as to the candidate. Another meeting was to be held on Burnt Fork by the water users to vote on the approval of the candidate.

Some of the water users felt that the commissioner should contact them on his problem trips so that they could join him and learn firsthand what the problems were and assist the commissioner in adjusting and regulating the water. They felt that measuring devices should be installed on all ditches where they are not in proper order at the present time. It was also brought out that the device and headgate for the large canal crossing at the East Fork of Beaver Creek to Gregory Basin was in need of repairs to the headgate and installation of a new measuring device. In addition, the west gate was causing a cut in the bank below the canal, and it was felt that pipe should be installed so that the ditch would not be washed out at this point.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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Those present at the meeting were:

Donald Norseth, Division of Water Rights
John Bene, Deputy State Engineer
Robert Guy, Division of Water Rights
Stan Adams, Division of Water Rights
Larry O'Neil, water user
Velma O'Neil, water user
J. Alden Olsen, water user
John Eyre, Lyman Grazing Association
Lawrence Maxfield, Lyman Grazing Association
Bob Eyre, Lyman Grazing Association